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FROM REDSO/EA

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO PAVE BOTZAM ROAD

REF (A) STATE 180875, (B) STATE 175668, (C) MBABANE 1248

1. PER REF (A), REDSO HAS REVIEWED SOW AND OFFERS FOLLOWING
COMMENTS:

A) ASSUME STUDY MAY RESULT PREPARATION PP FOR LOAN TO GOB.
REDSO EXPERIENCE HAS GENERALLY SHOWN LIMITED OR COMPLETE LACK OF
UNDERSTANDING PROJECT PAPER REQUIREMENTS BY CONSULTANT TEAMS.
HOWEVER, IF INTENT TO USE TAM'S REPORT AS BASIS FOR LOAN PAPER
SUGGEST PROVISION BE MADE FOR TWO DAYS ORIENTATION BOTH
AID/W AND REDSO/NAIROBI FOR TEAM LEADER TO RELATE REPORT TO PP
REQUIREMENTS. SOW COULD INCLUDE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR
PREPARATION PP.

B) S.O.W. REQUIRE TAMS REPORT TO HAVE SPECIFIC SECTION
ON DONOR FINANCING OF PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE TRANSPORTATION
NETWORKS IN BOTSWANA TO SHOW 1) MILEAGE 2) INVESTMENTS,
3) LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND 4) HOW
UPGRADING OF BOT-ZAM SECTION WOULD FIT INTO GOB'S OVERALL
TRANSPORTATION PICTURE.

C) S.O.W. INCLUDE STUDY OF GOB'S PRESENT ROAD MAINTANCE CAPA-
BILITIES, PAST MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE (BUDGETED AND ACTUAL) AND
FUTURE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, POLICY AND VEHICLE WEIGHT CONTROL
LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM WITH SPECIFIC APPLICATION
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TO THE BOT-ZAM ROAD.

D) S.O.W. INCLUDE REQUIREMENTS OF A MAINTENANCE OPERATION FOR THE BOT-ZAM ROAD (WITH AND WITHOUT UPGRADING) INCLUDING CAPITAL AND RECURRENT COSTS FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR PERIOD.

E) S.O.W. REQUIRE COPIES OF DRAFT AND FINAL REPORT ALSO BE SUBMITTED TO AFR/DR FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT.

F) S.O.W. INCLUDE A SITE REVIEW BY REDSO/OSARAC REPRESENTATIVE OF TEAM'S DEVELOPMENTS AT END OF 40 DAY OF THE 60 DAY FIELD WORK.

2. ASSUMED THAT ALL IN COUNTRY LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR TEAM IS TO BE PROVIDED UNDER PRESENT TAMS/GROVE CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS WITH GOB. IF SO STUDY COSTS (I.E. PER-DIEM ETC) SHOULD REFLECT APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS.

3. ASSUME (REF A) PARA 2 REFERS TO FINANCING SUBJECT STUDY UNDER ON-GOING BOT-ZAM ROAD PROJECT, LOAN 690-H-001. IF SO, THIS MAY ALSO REQUIRE AMEND LOAN AUTHORIZATION TO FINANCE THIS WORK. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS UNDER LOAN IS ALSO A PROBLEM. REDSO IN RECEIPT OF GOB REQUEST TO INCREASE LOAN IN AMOUNT OF \$1 MILLION. THEREFORE, BELIEVE AID/W SHOULD CONSIDER FINANCING THIS STUDY UNDER GRANT I.Q.C. FORMAT.

4. REF (A) ENGINEERING ANALYSIS DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR SALARY OF SOILS AND TRAFFIC ENGINEER REFERRING TO "USE OF BOTSWANA STAFF". REDSO UNCLEAR REFERENCE MADE IS OF GOB OR TAMS ON SITE PERSONNEL. IN EITHER CASE UNAWARE OF AVAILABILITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER IN THE FIELD.

5. IN EVENT TAMS RECOMMENDS NEW SURFACING REQUEST AID/W ADVICE WHETHER APPROPRIATE TO AMEND CONTRACT WITH CONSTRUCTION FIRM NOW DOING WORK OR WHETHER NEW IFB FOR SURFACING SHOULD BE ISSUED.

6. SUBJECT TO THE ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS REDSO CONCURS IN S.O.W.

7. AS PER REF (C) REDSO WILL PARTICIPATE. WILL SYNCHRONIZE ETA WITH AID/W TEAM.

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